GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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PUBLIC PROSECUTORS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is acute shortage of public prosecutors in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has issued any directions to the State Governments to speed up the appointment of public prosecutors;

(d) if so, the action taken by the States thereon; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SH. SALMAN KHURSHID)

(a) to (e) In exercise of the powers conferred by the provisions of sections 24 and 25 of the Criminal Procedure Code, 1973, and / or under relevant provisions of special statutes, Central Government appoints public prosecutors, including special public prosecutors, in Criminal cases on behalf of Central Government before various courts. There does not appear to be any shortage of Public Prosecutor before various Courts for conducting prosecution on behalf of Central Government. Apart from the above this Ministry has also authorized certain Ministries/Departments viz. Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Home Affairs, Department of Personnel and Training etc to have their own panel of public prosecutors for smooth conduct of prosecution.